

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Anne FOURNILLIER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1648
Application No.: 10/559,431	) )	Examiner: Bao Q. Li
Filed: March 15, 2006	)	Confirmation No.: 1577
For: COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE POLYPROTEIN NS3/NS4 AND THE POLYPEPTIDE NS5B OF HCV, EXPRESSION VECTORS INCLUDING THE CORRESPONDING NUCLEIC SEQUENCES AND THEIR APPLITICUSE	)	

## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2008, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply. Also submitted herewith is a One-Month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response from April 2, 2008 to May 2, 2008.